

**PAYDAY'S JOYS  
FIRE IMAGINATION  
OF CITY TROOPS**

Soldiers May Get "Wages"  
From Uncle Sam at  
Border Today

**MANY FATHERS WORRIED**

Write to Chaplain if Your  
Son's Letters Do Not Come

Any Philadelphia mother who has a son in the 2d Regiment and who has not heard from him will receive a letter in a few days from the thoughtless young man, who will drop a line to Chaplain McFetridge, 2d Regiment, N. G. U. S., Pa., Fort Bliss, Tex.

By CARL L. ZEISBERG

EL PASO, Tex., July 15.—"Pay day! Pay day! Got no money, but I'll soon have some! Pay day sure has come!"

The clear notes of muffled bugles shouting against the tawny-gray sides of Mount Franklin as they call Philadelphia soldiers to the pay counter will ring out today—maybe. Strenuous efforts are being made to pay off the 2d Regiment before the sun swings down behind the hills.

It all depends on the Government paymaster whether or not the sweetest of bugle notes will sound—notes so sweet that an ingenious mind has hooked word notes to the bugle music. If the mass of payrolls can be straightened out in time the various sugar companies will line up and pass through their mess tents, where the mogul will sit and dole out the cash in round silver.

The 2d Regiment will be paid off Tuesday and the 3d Regiment Wednesday, if plans do not go awry.

Nine days' pay, or about \$6000 per regiment, will be the sum received by the citizen soldiers. This amounts to \$4.00 for a private—50 cents a day. The pay is for the last nine days of June, dating from the time of the United States call for mobilization.

This sum, "not a hell of a lot," as one rough-and-ready private said, will come as a godsend to many of the men and to many of the officers. There are perfectly good major who offered to trade his moose-skin boots for a dollar, and there is a lieutenant reduced to a penny and a trunk key.

Seriously, money is needed by the regiments. Most of the privates will send their pittances home and continue to "borrow" cigarettes and "sody-pop." They are worried about "their families" those who have dependents back in Philadelphia.

An undercurrent of anxiety flows through this array of tents. Letters from home telling of no money in the house and of no prospects for money have set the men to wondering what the Relief Committee is doing in Philadelphia. These letters, scribbled by anxious wives who are not as "well fixed" as some others are days late. Mails are slow coming across the continent and slower after reaching the stagnation of the overworked postoffice here. Hence there is no measure in the minds. There is only wondering and thinking and worrying.

"No relief has come," wrote the wife of a private in the 3d Regiment. "The only agent who has called at our house was the rent collector. And I had nothing to give him. I have nothing to buy food." Another member is expected soon in this family which now numbers three.

Anger did blaze out in some tents when letters were opened and the soldier-husbands learned of furniture being attached for non-payment of rent. Terrible threats are being uttered on the tented mesa against those who secured the writs.

"Patriotic" soulred who attacked my furniture will have a mark on him that he will remember just as soon as I get back to Philadelphia," flared a broad-shouldered sergeant. "I'm stuck it will be put back on him. I don't care. No man has a right to take advantage of my family when I am away trying to serve my country and leaving a good-paying job to do it."

These men signed cards soliciting relief at Mount Gretna by the Citizens' Soldiers' Relief Committee, asking for a statement of the number of dependents and their financial condition. The only pain in their thoughts is that relief has come to their families since the week-old letters were mailed.

Some of these soldier-fathers would ask for their discharges if they knew how to do it. Their only clue is to wait. Officers are awaiting instructions from Washington following Secretary Baker's recent ruling that all militiamen with one or more dependents would be granted their discharge from the service.

Chaplain McFetridge, of the 2d Regiment, laid down the law this morning to "his boys" about writing home. Any private who is delinquent in that is in grave danger of being forced to write a letter home, with the unyielding form of the "sky pilot" over him. This actually happened this morning, after the athletic chaplain received a letter from a hard-boiled man who had not heard from her son since he left home. The thoughtless youth was soled by the Rev. Doctor McFetridge, pushed into the tent, given paper and ink and compelled to write a few lines to his mother. The chaplain using his authority as captain to compel obedience.

**CAMP SIDELIGHTS BRIGHTEN LIFE  
AMONG SOLDIERS ON THE BORDER**

Jay Connelly's Peaceful Slumber Beside a Tarantula, a Mexican Dog, a Horned Toad and Snake Regarded as Notable Achievement

By CARL L. ZEISBERG

EL PASO, Tex., July 15.—Since Jay Connelly, of 218 East Elmsnor, has been peacefully beside one tarantula, a full-blooded Mexican dog, a horned toad and a snake, other members of the 1st Regiment have decided they have no complaint worth mentioning when a scorpion gets into the cots with them. Jay Connelly, a member of B Company, began the night with Bruno, the Mex dog, as a guardian. A little later Gyz, the tarantula, entered the tent to get some of the flesh of Bruno, or something. Horned toads like tarantulas, Jay Connelly figures. Anybody came in after Gyz, and the snake followed.

**1st Regiment**  
"Chaplain" Clifford Van Dyne, of Company C, is a plumber. Ernest I. Bardsley is a dancing instructor in Germantown. Some combination.

Two marines experts in Company C haven't much opportunity to spasm around on this dry mesa. They are Arthur Lucy, of the Quaker City Base Club, and Corporal Turner Bardsley, winner of the Park retreat canoe two-mile duels.

Noted William Brockmeyer, of C, is a mounted scout.

Fred Waldon, of Company G, practices kneeling every night.

Sam Morrison, of 24 North 26th street, is the st. riding harbor of Company G. His record is 12 men shaved and powdered in 14 minutes and not a throat cut.

The only thing A. G. Havana, of 2825 North 28th street, complains about in Company G's camp is McFetridge's bossiness.

Sam Wilson, of 1212 N. 28th, is a "General" in his tent.

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**INOCULATION FOR 2D REGIMENT**



Photo by Evening Ledger staff photographer with 1st Brigade. Col. Hamilton D. Turner gets a second dose of anti-typhoid serum at the hands of Surgeon Major Aller, Camp Pershing.

**VILLA, WITH 8000 MEN,  
JOINS FIVE-DAY BATTLE  
WITH CARRANZA FORCE**

Bandit Leader Still Engaged  
Near Diaz and Declares He  
Will Take Chihuahua City  
in Two Months

EL PASO, Tex., July 15.—Pancha Villa, in command of 8000 men of the brigades of Canuto Reyes and Calisto Contreras, fought overwhelming forces of Carranzistas, led by officers of General Jacinto Trevino's division, southwest of Jimenez, for five consecutive days, and Villistas are now engaged with Carranza troops at Diaz, near Santa Rosalia. This is a report brought to the border by a member of a military band at Chihuahua.

"I will take Chihuahua in two months," is the frequent declaration of Villa, according to the musician. He says Villa is getting about with a crutch and a cane, one of his legs being badly injured.

Trevino's troops drove the Villistas out of Jimenez after they had confiscated all the available foodstuffs in that town. The bandman said there were 15,000 Carranzistas opposing Villa's men. He said that during the engagements around Jimenez two trainloads of dead and wounded Carranza soldiers were brought to Chihuahua.

The Mexican said that when he left Chihuahua Wednesday fighting was reported still in progress and desertions of Trevino's men to Villa were going on. He asserted that the soldiers in the Chihuahua garrison are all for Villa and would like to see him take the city.

A body of Villistas raided Olan Calientes, the Hot Springs settlement, two and one-half miles west of Santa Rosalia, Chihuahua, early this week, confiscated provisions and impressed all the able-bodied men they could find into service for Villa, according to the statement of the wife of a physician who reached El Paso from Mexico today.

General Trevino made public a statement in Chihuahua City proclaiming the loyalty of himself and all other de facto Government military chiefs to General Carranza, declaring none could be so foolish as to stir up trouble at a time when they were about to witness the fruiting of their efforts toward peace and declaring that he will fight the Villistas "cutthroats" without mercy until all are exterminated. He added that three Villa officers had just been shot on the head. Surgeons at the base and that the same treatment would be accorded all others apprehended.

There were no developments today to confirm a report that General Carranza's column is to be withdrawn from Mexico. One infantry regiment may be withdrawn, since the line of communications has been so greatly shortened by the concentration at Colonia Dublan to make it unnecessary to keep large forces in Mexico to guard the lines. This has been the sole duty thus far of the infantry with General Pershing's column. The 14th infantry is expected to be withdrawn soon to take station at Camp Cotton here.

**PENNSYLVANIA'S  
SOLDIERS ON WAY  
TO PRESIDIO CAMP**

Two Companies of Second  
Infantry Rushed to  
Patrol Duty

**MAY MEET VILLA MEN**

MARFA, Tex., July 15.—Notwithstanding the reassuring reports fathered at Washington that the Mexican border is comparatively quiet, the next week may see an entire brigade of Pennsylvania troops far flung as a patrol over hundreds of miles of the frontier somewhere in the Big Bend district. Mexican scouts thrown out yesterday from Presidio returned today and reported that bodies of Villa bandits were moving at the rate of 30 miles a day through northern Chihuahua, and unless they are intercepted by Carranza troops they should be at the Rio Grande within a few days.

This disquieting news caused a flurry of excitement at the base of the 2d Battalion of the 2d Pennsylvania Infantry and the 6th United States Cavalry, Colonel Gaston, in command of the regulars, refuses to discuss the situation, but there was unwelcome activity at that camp today.

Privates declared that the entire force of regulars from Brownsville to El Paso would be succeeded by National Guard units. The regulars, it is understood, will be sent to concentration camps at El Paso, San Antonio and other places, ready to be hurled across the border at the first sign of an outbreak.

**TWO COMPANIES SENT TO PRESIDIO.**  
Two companies of the 2d Infantry shot through the heart of the desert trail in motor lorries. Packed two dozen to the cars, these soldiers, armed with 200 rounds of ammunition and supplied with stores for several weeks, started at 7 o'clock. They were due to reach Presidio at nightfall and will pitch their tents there until they have

been deployed to their permanent post to patrol the border. The other two companies will leave here on Sunday morning, and it is expected that four battalions from El Paso, made up of companies from the brigades of Generals Price and Logan, will leave Camp Pershing to carry here until they have received orders to move.

Mexican refugees reached here today with tales of a revived Villa movement among the peaks of the Parral and Chihuahua zone. These Mexicans, who numbered several dozen, reached Marfa after tramping the 80 miles or more from the Rio Grande. They talked pigeon English usually, but knew enough of the language to make themselves understood.

According to the stories by the refugees, revolution has been instigated by the defeat of several generals who were aligned with Carranza. Villa has not been seen in the vicinity of Parral or Chihuahua, but his lieutenants are in force there and peons are deserting the Federal forces and the hacendados to enlist with Pancho's legions. These refugees also said that in the last two battles in central Chihuahua, Carranza troops have been defeated, and that Villa's supporters have taken this as an opportunity to agitate warfare on the gringos.

**ARMY OF 50,000 WILL GUARD  
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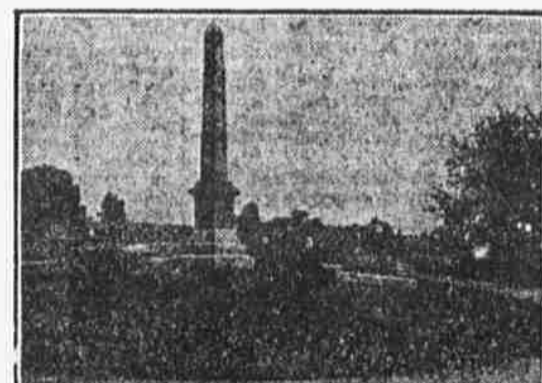
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